

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the two paragraphs at page 8, line 20 through page 9, line 7 as follows:

Fig. 3 is a schematic block diagram illustrating a system of integrated circuit (IC) digital communication relay devices for providing redundancy. The system 200 includes a first relay 100, as described above, that includes a transmit switch 124 and a transmit monitor 132. The system also includes a first receiver node 202 having an input connected to the transmit monitor second output on line 134 to receive communications, and an output connected to the third input of the first relay transmit monitor 132 on line 138 to supply status messages concerning the integrity of the received communications.

A second receiver node 204 has an input connected to the transmit monitor third output on line 136 to receive communications. The second receiver node 204 has an output connected to the ~~second~~ third input of the first relay transmit monitor 132 on line 138 to supply status messages concerning the integrity of the received communications.